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FREE TIRE RECYCLING DAY SET FOR RAMONA

June 19 at Ramona High School's Parking Lot

Residents of Ramona and the surrounding unincorporated areas in San Diego County can bring used passenger and small truck tires to Ramona High School's parking lot located at 1401 Hanson Lane on Saturday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Since the State banned disposal of whole tires at landfills in California in 1993, the County of San Diego has offered amnesty days and public education for recycling and disposal of tires funded partially through state grants.

Recycled tires are used to make rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC) often used in road construction and repaving. The RAC lasts longer and produces a quieter ride for vehicle traffic.

Illegally abandoned tires continue to be a problem on County roadways and throughout the rural areas of the unincorporated area. Tires are an excellent breeding environment for mosquitoes, a known vector for West Nile virus, malaria, and encephalitis. In addition, the threat of fire and further illegal dumping is always a critical concern in the region.

"More registered drivers live in California than any other state, which generates more than 44 million tires," Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price said. "Some of this waste ends up on the side of roads or in landfills. Recycling vehicle tires makes for a safe, clean and 'green' community."

Residents may recycle up to nine tires per vehicle - reasonably clean and free of excessive dirt or other foreign matter. Inside tire diameter size is limited to 16.5 inches. Tires mounted on rims will not be accepted. No large truck tires and no tires from business or commercial sources will be accepted.

Call the County's Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste at 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784) for more information or to make arrangements for larger tires, tires with rims, or loads of more than nine tires.

This one-day event is sponsored by the County of San Diego Recycling Program and a grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Support for the event is also provided by Ramona Unified School District.

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